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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2006 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on January 3, 2007. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for three-month Extension with the required fees, to extend the period of reply to April 3, 2007. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.